

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Land Management Project Approval

1. Garlock Slough WMA – Dickinson County – City of West Okoboji

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a management agreement with the City of West Okoboji, Iowa to allow the city to manage and maintain a recreational trail through a portion of Garlock Slough Wildlife Management Area through December 31, 2035.

The City of West Okoboji proposes to construct a paved 10-foot wide by 9,500-foot multi use recreational trail along State Highway 86 near the southerly shore of West Okoboji Lake. The city has applied for and received a construction permit from the DNR to construct 7,700 feet of the trail that will run through Garlock Slough Wildlife Management Area, terminating at Emerson Bay State Park.

Under the proposed management agreement, the city will be responsible for management of the trail corridor and all expenses for site development construction and future maintenance for grading, culverts, bridges, concrete replacement, signing and barriers to separate motor vehicle traffic from trail users.

The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of management agreement.

2. Steamboat Rock Park – Hardin County – City of Steamboat Rock

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the approval of a management agreement with the City of Steamboat Rock and the DNR. This agreement authorizes the City of Steamboat Rock to manage Steamboat City Park through 2035.

The agreement covers 8 acres located within the city limits of Steamboat Rock. The Iowa River bisects the area from north to south. The area provides public access to the river as well as canoe portage and trail around the Steamboat Rock Dam.

The agreement will be according to the terms and conditions of the standard DNR management agreement.

Staff recommends approval of management agreement.

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Attachment: 2 location maps